

In a secret ballot the student council, last Monday evening at 8:30, voted nine to five to extend temporary recognition to "rebel" radio station WCCT over the dissenting voice of station WNTC, the Clarkson-Potsdam State radio outlet. The tenure of the recognition will commence on September 1, 1961, and extend through February 1, 1962, at which time the council will again review WCCT's case.

Under the decision handed down by the student council, WCCT will be allowed to continue broadcasting under the same policies that have guided the young station during the past semester. No expansion beyond the dorms, and no advertising will be permitted by the newly recognized radio outlet. However, a substantially free hand has been given to WCCT in the area of sports coverage; and rebroadcasts from commercial radio station WEAV-FM in Plattsburgh will be allowed to continue unchanged.

The final decision, as handed down by the student council after a hearing lasting four hours and spread over two succeeding meetings, was reached as a compromise between WNTC's efforts to disband the station and WCCT's efforts to gain SC recognition and expand indefinitely.

Present at the meeting were four voting members of the SC advisory council—a group of faculty and administrative members of the college who are required to be there before the student council can legally recognize an organization. They were: Mr. William King (director of student activities) Mr. Bradford Broughton (assistant professor of liberal studies), Mr. George Davis (assistant professor of mathematics), and Mr. Robert Sturdevant (assistant treasurer of the college). These men who represented the administration and faculty in the student council took an active part in the attaining of a solution to the radio problem.

The meeting began promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the activities building with WCCT representative Fred Silver reading a prepared statement concerning the aims and goals of the new station. These included:

A one year trial period in which WCCT, under temporary recognition by the student council, would be allowed to continue to broaden its service to listeners.

Coverage for the entire college including fraternity houses, who through the paying for telephone lines necessary to carry WCCT broadcasts into each house (at a cost of about \$6 per month per house) could subscribe to the station.

Programming entertainment and information in a manner patterned after commercial FM stations.

Steadily improving their facilities with the objective of maintaining a technically good station.

The setting up of a small studio in Holcroft Hall.

The seeking of advertising as a means of financing improvements.

The representatives of WCCT concluded their presentation by naming to the council Mr. Paul Liebenauer, instructor of physics, as the faculty advisor to the station.

Upon the request of President Dave Leroy, Mr. King told the council about the meeting between representatives of WCCT and members of the administration which, as WNTC claims, denied the "rebel" station permission to use CCT as part of the station's call letters. Moreover, WNTC claims that that meeting prohibited WCCT from the programming of anything other than "music to study by."

Mr. King stated that when WCCT was first formed they sought permission from Mr. Gutman, director of residences, to broadcast closed circuit programs with the theme "music to study by" to students in the dormitories. At this point the permission was granted as the students in the dorms appeared to want this service. Later on though, Mr. King said that he was approached by WNTC with a complaint concerning WCCT's competing for its audience. A letter addressed to E. Parker, station manager at that time for WNTC, and written on WCCT stationery, was shown to him and was revealed to be an open challenge to the campus radio outlet. This led to a meeting between Mr. King, Mr. Gutman, Mr. McGill (WNTC's faculty advisor), and representatives of WCCT. The meeting was informal with no minutes being kept, and any agreements that were reached

were strictly verbal. Although Mr. King felt that nothing about the call letters was stressed, he did feel that the meeting reached an agreement between all parties on the inadvisability of programming anything other than quiet study music. Mr. King had no knowledge of WCCT's commercial radio broadcasts and other commercial programs of which he questioned the legality. "It's my own thought," stated Mr. King "that it would serve a useful purpose if they (WCCT) go back to their original set up."

Ted Perkins, representative of WCCT, informed the council that he did not interpret the meeting in question as an agreement on the mentioned restrictions. He also said that although the letter of "open challenge" sent to WNTC was written on WCCT stationery, it was not authorized by the station itself but rather was sent by an "over emotional" member. He went on further to assure the council that the rebroadcasting of programs via Plattsburgh commercial station WEAV-FM was completely legal and produced a letter from the president of the station which gave full permission for the use of its signal over the WCCT outlet.

President Leroy then asked the representatives of WCCT to leave the room while the council discussed their case and voted. Before leaving, Ted Perkins, on behalf of WCCT requested the student council to vote by secret ballot. The request was granted by President Leroy. Ted Perkins then inquired if John Dalphin, a student council representative had the right to vote since he was also station manager of WNTC. President Leroy said that Dalphin could vote if he chose to. This ended the inquiries, and WCCT's representatives left the room.

John Dalphin, on behalf of WNTC read a prepared statement before the council in which he reminded the members of their ethical commitments to WNTC due to the fact that the council financially supports and recognizes the college outlet. He said that the council is responsible to WNTC and must not allow competition to arise which might hurt this station.

Following this a general discussion took place in which the question of the advisability of competition between both radio stations was the major point. Mr. King stated that because of the disadvantage WNTC has with the phone lines which must carry their signal from Snell Hall up to the dorms, and which introduces a hum and low quality signals, it cannot compete fairly with WCCT which does not have this disadvantage. It was brought out by the council that at the previous meeting one of WCCT's engineers said that a device could be built by WNTC to overcome this disadvantage.

As for the question of competition between two campus organizations, Mr. Davis stated that he felt a precedent had been set last year when the student council granted temporary recognition to the Independent Review, a campus publication which competed with the Integrator. Mr. King said that since the two different publications presented different ideas to the student body they were not really competing with one another. The two different radio stations, however, would be in competition with one another since if a student listened to one station he could not be listening to the other. Representative Corretore pointed out that many sports do at times compete with one another for spectators for two or more games are held simultaneously at different locations. This concluded the general discussion.

Later, Pete Dunn, treasurer of the student council, in regard to the improvements which WNTC had promised for the coming year, stated that he had for three years been waiting for WNTC to realize their dreams. Pete had worked on the staff of the station and did not see many improvements being made. He said, "We should be looking to see what WNTC can do instead of WCCT." Pete Dunn then proposed to temporarily recognize WCCT and at the same time investigate WNTC. Discussion on this point followed with Vincent Capazella, student council secretary, finally making a motion to temporarily recognize WCCT for a period of five months beginning September 1, 1961, and continuing up until February 1, 1962. His motion provided for no expansion beyond the dormitories and no advertising for the station. In addition, programming was to continue unchanged except for a free hand given to sports coverage. The council voted in a secret ballot nine to five in favor of adopting the motion.